THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) In view of the naxal movement now characterized by growing militrarisation, army style organization, better trained cadres, attacks on large targets through large scale frontal assaults and better coordination, the Prime Minister, while addressing the 2nd meeting of the Standing Committee of Chief Ministers of naxal affected States on 13.4.2006, *inter alia*, observed that naxalism is the single biggest internal security challenge ever faced by the country.

(c) The Government does not consider naxalism to be merely a law & order problem. The policy of the Govt. is, therefore, to address this problem simultaneously on political, security, development and public perception management fronts in a holistic and coordinated manner.

(d) Monitoring mechanisms set up by the Central Govt. include Standing Committee of the Chief Ministers of the naxal affected States chaired by the Union Home Minister, Quarterly Coordination Centre meetings chaired by the Union Home Secretary with the Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the affected States and the monthly Task Force meetings of Nodal Officers of the naxal affected States and Central agencies chaired by Special Secretary (IS), MHA.

Rehabilitation for surrendered militants

3409. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government are taking for the post-surrender rehabilitation of former militants to bring them to social mainstream;

(b) since law and order is State subject and causes of terrorism in every State are unique in their distinct characteristics, what kind of role of the Central Government play in rehabilitation of these surrendered terrorists;

(c) in the last few years, so many such persons may have laid down arms and joined the social mainstream; and

(d) how many of these persons have actually been given jobs in Central Government departments through some specialized schemes, State-wise details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The State of Jammu & Kashmir, North-Eastern States and most of the naxal affected States have surrender and rehabilitation policies in place for surrenderee militants/naxalities. The Central Government also reimburses to these States expenditure incurred by them on rehabilitation of such surrenderees under the Security related Expenditure (SRE) Schemes operative in these States.

(c) As per available information, more than 9000 militants/naxalites have surrendered in J&K, North-Eastern States and in the naxal affected States during the period 2003-2005.

(d) As per available reports, 973 surrenderee militants in J&K and 693 in Assam have so far been recruited by the Central Para Military Forces.

Upgradation of Foreign Registration Offices

3410. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to upgrade all offices of the Foreigners Registration Offices all over the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are delay and lack of response from such offices;